

**STURT GALLERY ~ EXHIBITIONS** www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on/current-exhibition**Exchange** - celebrating 21 years of the Southern Highlands Printmakers until **20 September**

'Exchange' is an exhibition of prints to celebrate 21 years of the **Southern Highlands Printmakers (SHP)**. Formed in 1993 and based in the Southern Highlands towns of Bowral and Mittagong (NSW), the group aims to foster printmaking in the area and focuses on developing opportunities for practising artists to exhibit, using the print media as an important component of their work.



The SHP has built an enviable reputation for quality and innovation with members exhibiting locally, nationally and internationally. 'Exchange' was initiated in 2014 as a folio of works to mark 21 years of the SHP where each member contributed an edition of prints. The exhibition displays 70 works, showcasing a diversity of printmaking techniques including relief prints, monotypes, collagraphs, etchings, collages, lithographs, screenprints and intaglio methods. The exhibition was opened by **Alison Alder**, Head of Printmedia & Drawing, ANU School of Art.

**NEXT EXHIBITION ~ At the End of the Rainbow** | new porcelain | **Julie Shepherd - 27 September to 15 November 2015**

An exhibition of exciting new ceramics by Julie Shepherd exploring an evolution of colour and lustre in exquisite fine porcelain. Inspired by the gardens at Sturt, many of the sculptures are flower-shaped and enclosed miniature scenes modelled out of coloured porcelain, which can be viewed through little portholes. These unique sculptural and functional ceramics with hidden treasures celebrate the fragile beauty and resilience of nature. The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 27 September at 11am by Vicki Grima, Executive Officer of the *Australian Ceramics Association*, editor of the *Journal of Australian Ceramics*. All welcome.

STURT ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM**Our graduate resident has arrived ...**

Annie Xu is undertaking a 6-week graduate residency at Sturt after completing her Bachelor of Design at UNSW last year. Her studies encompassed the development of design skills in a range of mediums such as ceramics, wood and metal, often incorporating fabrication and digital prototyping to create new work.

Call for artist-in-residence applications for 2016

Now is the time to start thinking about a residency at Sturt for 2016. We offer professional, graduate and self-directed residency opportunities in woodwork, metalwork, textiles or ceramics. Full details and application process can be found on our website: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au under 'Get involved'. **Deadline for applications is 31 October 2015.**



STURT SUMMER SCHOOL 2016 ~ 4 - 9 JANUARY

Get creative in the summer holiday!

You need to get in quickly to enrol in your favourite course! Our brochure is filled with 29 exciting courses to choose from for all skill levels and interests. Online booking is now open, go to www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school to see the full program. New courses to consider: *Knitted Ikebana* with Loani Prior, *Pulp Fiction: papier mache sculpture* with Vince Vozzo, *Assemblage: wood + metal* with Peter King, *Tapestry weave and stitch* with Valerie Kirk, and many more.



STURT SHOP ~ What's new in the shop this month?



WEEKEND COURSES & SPECIAL EVENT ~ 15 & 16 AUGUST 2015

In conjunction with **Australian Ceramics Association Open Studio Scheme**, our historic pottery will be open to the public on the weekend of **15 & 16 August 2015** from **10.30am to 3.30pm**. Visit and play with clay, watch artists at work and observe a woodfiring in progress. **Sunday** will see a special event: **Bowls + Soup** made by students and Friends of Sturt will be for sale with all funds raised going towards the refurbishment of the kilns. *Clayworks* will be open for this special weekend selling clay and pottery supplies, so take the opportunity to purchase a lovely handmade bowl with homemade soup served inside. Find out more on:

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/events

Other short courses will be happening around the Sturt campus at the same time and visitors will be welcome to take a look at what they are doing. We still have limited spaces available in **Bobbin lace jewellery** with **Angharad Rixon**, make bracelet and earrings in silver or stainless steel; and one space available in **Introduction to weaving** with **Sue Walker**. Go to Sturt website to enrol: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/short-courses

There are more short courses scheduled in September and November 2015
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PETER RUSHFORTH

Sturt would like to acknowledge the passing of **Peter Rushforth AM**, artist-potter, on 22 July 2015, aged 94 years.

Peter was a great supporter of ceramics and was recognised as the grandfather of Australian ceramics. Over the years he attended many exhibitions at Sturt and was a guest speaker at the 2008 Woodfire conference held at Sturt. Peter was not only a renowned ceramic artist but also a great teacher and an advocate for studio pottery, and in his gentle manner, a force in Australian ceramics.



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